

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5,8,11-14, and 21 have been rejected as being anticipated by Fukuda under 35 USC 102; and Claims 9 and 10 have been objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent from rejected parent claims. Claims 2,6-9, and 15-21 have been cancelled, new Claims 22-26 have been inserted, and consequently, Claims 3-5,10-14, and 22-26 are now active in this patent application.

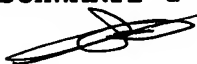
The interview held with Examiner Reese is hereby acknowledged and sincerely appreciated. During the course of the interview, new Claim 22 was presented and it was agreed

that Claim 22 patentably defined over the art of record, in particular, Fukuda, and therefore was agreed to be allowable, as were Claims 3-5,10-14, and 23-26 which depend therefrom.

It is also noted that corrected drawings are required, and accordingly, copies of formal drawings are enclosed herewith as required by the examiner and are also properly designated as **REPLACEMENT SHEETS**.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and therefore, an early and favorable action is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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